

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 5, lines 2-5 of the application, please delete lines 2-5 of page 5 and insert the following paragraphs:

-- FIG. 1 is side plan view of a beverage container in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a sectional view of the beverage container of FIG. 1 along line 2-2.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a bottom of a beverage container in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4 is side plan view of a beverage container in accordance with yet another preferred embodiment of the present invention. --

At page 6, line 17 of the application, please insert the following paragraph after line 17 of page 6:

-- Yet another embodiment of the improved container is shown in Fig. 4, where like features share like numbering with the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 1 through 3. The mug 54 illustrated at Fig. 4 is identical in construction to mug 10 except that plug 42, tether 44 and base 46, which were included with mug 10 for preventing fluid from flowing through tube 34, are not included. According to this embodiment, to prevent fluid from flowing through tube 34 of mug 50, tube 34 is doubled over and placed through clasp 38 with arms 40 being spread apart by pressing tube 34

between arms 40. With tube 34 doubled-over and pressed between arm 40,  
tube 34 is effectively sealed. --